Revision of royalty rate for coal

2944. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to revise the royalty rates for coal;

(b) if so, when the last revision was made and whether Government propose to revise it during the financial year 1989-90; and

(c) if so, what are the details of the steps taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) to (c) The rates of royalty on coal were last revised w.e.f. 13-2-1981. A Study Group was constituted in November, 1984 to consider the question of further revision of rates of royalty on coal. The report of the Study Group was received in 1985. The rates of royalty on coal are not being revised now in view of the problems posed by the imposition of cesses/levies on coal by some of the State Governments.

Allocation of power from Farakka and Chukha Power Project to Orissa

2945. SHRI BAIKUNTHA NATH SAHU: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Orissa had requested to his Ministry to allocate 15 per cent power from Farakka and Chukha Power projects to that State;

(b) whether it was decided earlier to allocate 15 per cent of total power generated from these projects to Orissa;

(c) if so, the steps taken in this regard; and

(d) the steps taken to allocate power to the State of Orissa from the National Power grid?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Orissa has the following shares from Farakka STPS and Chukha HEP:—

Farakka STPS (3x200 MW)	75 MW (12.5 per cent)
Chukha HEP (4x84 MW)	36 MW (13.4 per cent of 270 MW power available to India.)

Besides, Orissa have also been allocated 40 per cent out of the 15 per cent unallocated power from Farakka STPS and remaining 5 per cent unallocated power from Chukha HEP.

Acute shortage of power in Orissa

2946. SHRI BAIKUNTHA NATH SAHU: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the people of Orissa are facing acute power problems every year;

(b) whether Government are aware of the power cut imposed by the State Government due to acute power shortage in the State;

(c) if so, the steps taken by Government to remove power shortage in that State by creating additional capacity; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) The Power Shortage in Orissa during the years 1986-87, 1987-88 and 1988-89 (up to February, 1989) was 24.0 per cent, 17.4 per cent and 18.2 per cent respectively.

(b) To contain the demand within the overall power availability, the States have to resort to power cuts/restrictions.

(c) and (d) In order to increase the availability of power in the State, an additional generation capacity of 483.5 MW has been planned in the VIIth Plan period, out of which 260 MW capacity has already been com-